

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. N. Allen and family are visiting in Raleigh, N. C., from which place they will go to Chattanooga, Tenn.

C. A. Murphy, manager of the Western Union, left this morning to visit his parents at Fayetteville, N. C.

Mrs. B. J. Grier and Miss Theo Stokes have returned after spending several days in Charleston and on the Isle of Palms.

Miss Lottie Smoot, of Darlington, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. A. M. Broughton, who has been visiting the families of August Kohn and F. N. Brunson in Columbia, has returned to the city.

Dr. R. S. Truesdale of Trinity church, Sumter, will be one of the speakers at the meeting in Spartanburg July 19, 20 and 21 of the Federation of Wesley Bible Classes of South Carolina.

Misses Esther Clarke and Frances Smith have returned home after a pleasant visit to friends in Georgetown.

Mrs. R. T. Gillespie of Effingham is the guest of Mrs. Rose Jenkins on Warren street.

Rev. J. N. Toiar, pastor of Grace Baptist church, left this morning to assist in a meeting at Mizpah church in Kershaw county. He will return Saturday.

Miss Iva Belle Burkette, who for the last week has been the very attractive guest of Mrs. Ralph Hill, has returned to Columbia.

Mrs. Alice E. Lowry is visiting her son, Mr. Clarence Lowry, at Leachapoka, Ala.

Mr. John B. Duffie, who was graduated from the law department of the University of South Carolina in June, will locate in this city to practice his profession in partnership with L. E. Wood, Esq., the title of the firm being Wood & Duffie and having offices in the Belser building on Main street.

Miss Julie Bee returned to her home in Charleston, after a delightful visit to her cousin, Mrs. Bartow Walsh.

Miss Bessie Walsh returned to her home from a house party she has been enjoying in Bennettsville with her friends, Misses Nonie West and Annie Carroll.

Mrs. W. L. Boyle and children have gone to Saluda, N. C., for a stay.

Rev. J. L. McCord, of Sardinia, was in the city on business today.

Mr. Willie Moore is seriously ill at Dr. Lee's sanatorium on Broad Street.

Among the A. C. L. officials here in attendance on court in the case against Mrs. Mary A. Dawes were: Messrs P. A. Wilcox, Florence, State counsel; R. A. Brand, Wilmington, Fourth Vice President; G. A. Bruner, Florence, road master; E. J. Willoughby, assistant chief engineer; M. S. McDaniel, engineer, of Wilmington, N. C.

Miss Katherine Moore, of Columbia, is the guest of Miss Teresa Chandler.

"HARD TIMES" AT MARRIAGE.

Miss Eunice Osteen and Mr. Ben T. Kolb Wedded—Other Dark Corner Local News.

Dark Corner, July 7.—I attended the marriage of Miss Eunice E. Osteen and Mr. Ben Terrelle Kolb at the Sycamores on the evening of June 30th. A large crowd was present from Sumter, Pinewood and other points. Rev. William Haynsworth of Bethel church performed the ring ceremony, after which ice cream and cake were served. The presents were many, handsome and useful. Miss Gladys Turner of Sumter furnished some fine music on her violin before and after the marriage.

Corn crops are very small, but seem to be healthy.

Miss Nora Ardis of Soeven spent several days last week at the Sycamores with Mrs. T. H. Osteen, returning home Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen and family of Orangeburg attended the Kolb-Osteen marriage on the 30th ult.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Kolb are at home to their friends near Bethel church, central Privateer.

I did not attend the barbecue at Pinewood last Monday. I will quit here, as the yellow flies are so bad, I cannot write. "H. T."

Felder-Chewing.

Pinewood, July 10.—The wedding of Miss Alma Felder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Felder, to Leland Chewing was solemnized on last Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. R. M. DuBose officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Chewing are spending their honeymoon at the Isle of Palms and on their return will make their home near Summerton.

The outlook in Sumter county for a corn crop is not encouraging and many farmers are putting in more peas than usual.

REV. R. T. PHILLIPS RESIGNS.

Rector of Church of the Holy Comforter Will go to LaGrange, Ga., to Engage in Mission Work.

From The Daily Item, July 9.

It was learned this morning that the Rev. Robert T. Phillips, who for the past two years has been rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter of this city, has sent in his resignation to accept a call to LaGrange, Ga., where he will engage in mission work in the mill district. The announcement comes as a surprise to many and will be deeply regretted by the members of the church and congregation and Mr. Phillips' many friends in Sumter. Recently Mr. Phillips made a trip to LaGrange to look over the situation and his resignation as rector comes as the decision made on his return.

Mr. Phillips will leave here the first of August and will engage in his new work after a short vacation. The work, however, in the mission among the mill people is not entirely new to him, as he was engaged in this work for eighteen months at Columbus and La Grange before coming to Sumter. In his new place he takes a field of work which has been created and built up by his brother, the Rev. Henry D. Phillips, who has been engaged in the work for several years. Rev. Henry Phillips will go to Sewanee, Tenn., where a position on the faculty of the University of the South has been created for him as chaplain of the University and professor of Applied Theology.

In La Grange Mr. Phillips will engage in mission training, welfare and other kindred work. A big plant has been built up there for this special work and he will have it in his charge. Mr. Phillips stated this morning that his residence in Sumter had been very pleasant and it was with much regret that he felt the call of duty to go elsewhere. If he did not go, however, he would feel as if he had not done his duty, but had made his decision on his own personal inclinations.

Gentry-Grayson.

Summerton, July 4.—On Wednesday evening, June 30, one of the most elaborate weddings of the season was solemnized at the country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gentry, about three miles from Summerton, when Miss North Annie Gentry married James Fulton Grayson. The colonial mansion was brightly illuminated and the decorations, under the supervision of Mrs. W. H. Anderson, were beautiful, the color scheme being pink and white.

The ceremony took place with only a few relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom present. Four generations on the bride's side witnessed the marriage ceremony. At a few minutes prior to the ceremony Miss Kate Cantey sang "Constance." At 8 o'clock, to the strains of the Lohengrin bridal chorus, rendered by Dr. Charles E. Morris on the violin, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lida Scarborough, the bridal party entered in the following order: Miss Lucile Walker with T. C. Howie, Miss Frances Suber with T. C. Gentry, a brother of the bride. Then came the matron of honor, Mrs. O. J. White, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Annie Ada Chewning, Stephen Thomas Harvin entered bearing the ring on a silver tray, followed by the flower girls, the little Misses Elizabeth Richardson, carrying wreaths of pink roses and shasta daisies. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Thos. H. Gentry, and was met at the door by the bridegroom and his best man, George D. Kennedy. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. W. Gordon, pastor of the bride. During the ceremony Dr. Charles E. Morris rendered Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," accompanied on the piano by Miss Lida Scarborough.

At the close of the ceremony the parlor doors were thrown open to the reception halls, where Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gentry received the guests and ushered them into the parlor, where the bridal party formed the receiving line. The guests were then shown into the library. In the dining room refreshments were served.

The bride was beautiful in her wedding gown of bride satin on train, trimmed with lace and pearls. The veil was worn cap effect, with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was bride roses, showered with lilies of the valley and tied with white tulle.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Gentry. She is a graduate of the Greenville Woman's college of the class of 1915.

The bridegroom is a prosperous energetic and deserving young man, formerly of Kingstree, but now of St. Paul, holding the responsible position of superintendent of the Clarendon cotton oil mill.

Pinewood, July 11.—John W. Ardis died at his home yesterday about 2 o'clock. He had been ill about two weeks with pneumonia. Mr. Ardis was about 78 years of age. He leaves a large family connection and a host of friends.

RAPIST GETS THIRTY YEARS.

Small Negro Boy Changes Plea of Not Guilty and Verdict is Directed by Court.

From The Daily Item, July 9.

McKinley Brisbane, the 14-year-old negro boy who was arrested Wednesday on the charge of assault with intent to ravish, on Thursday afternoon changed his plea in sessions court and a jury was sworn in and a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was directed by the court. The boy was sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary or at the reformatory at Lexington and was taken to Columbia. The boy, it is understood, had confessed the crime and the verdict was reached through a compromise of the case. The father of the little girl injured and some of her relatives stated that on account of his age they did not want the boy electrocuted, and consented to a direction of a verdict and sentence at the discretion of the court. The defendant then withdrew his plea of not guilty and the jury then sitting was sworn in on assault case and the judge directed that the verdict should be guilty with recommendation to mercy. Between five and forty years was the time the law allowed and thirty years were given by the judge, who made the sentence for the penitentiary or reformatory, so that the boy might be sent to the latter place if he was too small to work at the penitentiary.

S. B. SIMPSON COMMITS SUICIDE.

Furniture Dealer Drinks Carbolic Acid at His Home on Blanding Street.

Following the closing of his store on East Liberty street by the sheriff on Thursday, S. B. Simpson, a furniture dealer of this city, committed suicide that night at about 11 o'clock by drinking carbolic acid at his home on Blanding street. The man went out in his yard and drank the acid, then returned to his steps, where he sat down. Death followed in about 25 minutes.

Simpson is survived by his wife and four small children, the oldest being only about 12 years of age.

TO BUILD NURSES HOME.

Handsome Building to Be Erected on Toumey Hospital Lot.

A handsome two-story brick building will be erected on the Toumey Hospital lot which will be known as the Nurses Home, as its purpose will be to provide dormitories for the head nurse of the Toumey Hospital and for the young ladies in the hospital training school. The building will have a front of Dixie brick, the lintels and bases of the windows will be of Kentucky bluestone and the cornices will be of metal.

It will face the Toumey Hospital, but will have an entrance on Calhoun street, on which side there will be a large assembly or living room. On the first floor the head nurse will have her bedroom, bathroom, sitting room, and in addition to the general sitting room, there will be two bed rooms for other nurses. On the second floor there will be eight bedrooms and two bath rooms. Each floor will have a large airy sleeping porch in the rear. The building will be equipped with steam heating, modern plumbing, electric lights, gas fixtures and all other modern conveniences and comforts, making it a handsome and well equipped home.

The structure is being erected by the Toumey Hospital Board, who have let the contract to J. M. Harby of Sumter. The building is designed by Charles M. Robinson of Richmond, Va., and will cost about \$11,000 complete. The work will commence within the next week and the contractor has until November, 1915, to complete his work. The building is one of the need of which has been felt for some time by the hospital and when completed it will give the hospital more accommodation for patients and will provide a convenient and comfortable home for the nurses.

To Teach at Olanta.

Olanta, July 11.—The following corps of teachers for the high school have been elected for the next term: Principal, H. H. Haltiwanger, Chapin; first grade, Miss Amanda Mars, Abbeville; second and third grades, Miss Annie Richards, Liberty Hill; fourth grade, Miss Nina Lewis, Conway; fifth and sixth grades, Miss Annie Lou Moore, Olanta; high school assistant, Miss Mary Castles, Winnsboro. All except Misses Lewis and Mars are teachers.

Geddings-Griffin.

Paxville, July 7.—At the Methodist parsonage in Manning on last Tuesday afternoon Laurie Griffin of Pinewood and Miss Nonie Geddings, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Geddings, were married. The Rev. G. P. Watson performed the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Pinewood.

COURT ENDS FOR WEEK.

JUDGE DIRECTS VERDICT IN CASE AGAINST BUDDIN DAVIS.

Negro Has Plt as Verdict of Not Guilty is Brought in His Case

From The Daily Item, July 9.

The case against Lorena Perry, Jr. and Ellen Perry for the murder of Lorena Perry, Sr., father of one and husband of the other defendant, was still in progress at noon today and will probably go to the jury this afternoon. The two defendants were placed on the stand this morning and testified in their own defense, the counsel for the State being unable to change their testimony or to confuse them in one of the most severe cross-examinations of witnesses in the Sumter court room. Both stated that they were asleep at the time the fatal shot was fired and were waked by the gun.

The case is most unusual in that practically all of the evidence is circumstantial. There is almost no direct evidence to connect the defendants in any way with the killing, but the efforts of the State have been to place the responsibility on them by a process of elimination and series of circumstances.

The case has been conducted by L. D. Jennings, Esq., for the State, and J. H. Clifton is the defendant's counsel, both of whom have put up a hard fight.

From The Daily Item, July 10.

Sessions court adjourned this morning for the week, after having disposed of four murder cases and one for assault with intent to ravish, good progress for the weeks' work, considering that court met on Tuesday. One more murder case is left on the docket, which may come up Monday morning, but this has not yet been settled.

In the case against Lorena Perry, Jr. and Ellen Perry, which ended on Friday afternoon, a verdict of not guilty as to Ellen Perry was returned and a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy was returned in the case against Lorena Perry, Jr., for the murder of her father, Lorena Perry on the 13th of last June. This means a sentence to life imprisonment for Perry unless the appeal, which the negro's counsel has made, is sustained.

The case of Buddin Davis for the murder of Eugene Dargan in 1912 was called in court this morning and the prisoner was found not guilty. At the close of the hearing of state's witnesses, the solicitor stated that he did not think the state had made out a case and Judge Mauldin directed a verdict in favor of the boy with the solicitor's consent. Davis ran off after the killing and was apprehended about eighteen months later. He was tried at a former term of court, the trial resulting in a mistrial.

George Brown pleaded his own case on the charge of breach of trust with fraudulent intent. As the jury was returning with a verdict of not guilty the negro took a fit and sprawled on the floor some time before he was able to understand where he was or what had happened.

A large number of cases were continued on the docket until the next term of court.

STORE BURNED AT NEW ZION.

Building Occupied by E. S. DesChamps and Owned by Shaw and Plowden.

A store occupied by E. S. DesChamps and owned by Shaw and Plowden was burned at New Zion on Saturday night, according to reports reaching this city today. The store was a large one and heavy loss was inflicted on both the owners and tenants. It is thought that the store was robbed and that it was later set on fire to hide the robbery.

Death of Miss Davis.

Miss Mary Davis died on Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Levy on Church street, after an illness of several months. Miss Davis was an aunt of Mrs. J. H. Levy and had lived in this city for about eighteen years, having made her home with the Levy's during that time. She is survived by her sister, Miss Rebecca Davis.

The funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Levy this afternoon at 5.45 o'clock and the body will be taken from here to Richmond, where it will be interred at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Messrs. Geo. and Julian H. Levy, Jr., will accompany the body.

Death of Evander Kirby.

Olanta, July 11.—Evander Kirby, 87 years of age, was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning at his home about four miles from Olanta. His death was from natural causes. Mr. Kirby enlisted in Company H and served in the Manigault battalion until the reorganization of the army, after which he served as a sharpshooter in Maj. Abney's battalion, Capt. Joe Blythe Abston's company, until the close of the war.

BIG MEETING FOR CHARLESTON

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS TO MEET DECEMBER 13TH TO 17TH.

Governor Calls for Meeting of Southern Executive at Same Time and Watson for National Drainage and Southern Cotton Congress—Big Naval and Military Display.

Columbia, July 12.—Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, is in Columbia today, perfecting the arrangements for the seventh conference to be held in Charleston from December 13 to December 17.

Gov. Manning today issued a call to the 15 governors of the Southern States to meet in Charleston coincident with the Southern Commercial congress, and a proclamation calling on the people of South Carolina to be the hosts of the people of the South and the nation who are invited. As president of the organization Col. E. J. Watson, today issued calls for the Southern section of the National Drainage Congress and to the Southern Cotton congress to meet at Charleston with the Southern Commercial Congress.

Gov. Manning also approved plans for the mobilization of the National Guard at Charleston during that week in connection with a naval display being arranged by Secretary Daniels. It is the purpose of the governor to move the capital of the State to Charleston during that week. Dr. Owens estimates that there will be an attendance of 10,000 at the congress. It is expected that President Wilson will attend.

Real Estate Transfers.

Julia S. Ragin to Jas. R. Mitchell, two tracts of 8 acres and 5.7 acres, respectively, in Sumter county, \$5 and other considerations.

Joseph R. Mitchell to Julia Ragin, 13.7 acres in county, \$5 and other considerations.

Emma Anderson to E. W. A. Bultman, three acres in county, \$25.

Janie E. Smith to Frank A. McLeod and John B. Smith, executors, two lots in city, \$5 and other considerations.

T. J. Smith to John B. Smith, lot on Brand Street, \$750.

Frank A. McLeod and John B. Smith, executors, to Janie E. Smith, lot on Lafayette Street, \$5 and other considerations.

EARLY FLORENCE TOBACCO.

Florence, July 7.—The hoarsers for bringing in the first load of tobacco on this market goes to Mr. J. E. Matthews, a thrifty farmer of the Cowards section. Mr. Matthews arrived in the city this morning with a portion of his first curings and placed on the floor of the Dixie warehouse where it will remain until the market opens, which it is understood, will be some time about the middle of July.

ACKNOWLEDGES CONTRIBUTIONS

List of Those Who Aided Young Ladies to Attend Summer College Course.

Secretary Reardon, of the Chamber Commerce desires to acknowledge receipts of the following contributions to the fund for defraying the expenses of two young ladies to Winthrop and three to Coker Colleges, to attend the two weeks' course in domestic science, these young women being members of the Girls' Tomato and Canning Clubs of this county:

- Mrs. R. H. Moise \$1.00
- Mr. W. B. Boyle 1.00
- Mr. W. Percy Smith 1.00
- Rowland Buggy Company 1.00
- Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co. 1.00
- Shaw & McCollum Merc. Co. 1.00
- Rex Theatre 1.00
- Gov. R. I. Manning 1.00
- Mr. Geo. L. Ricker 1.00
- Schwartz Bros. 1.00
- Mrs. H. C. Haynsworth 1.00

Total 11.00
Previously acknowledged 23.00

Grand total \$34.00

Secretary Reardon says that no one was asked for more than one dollar. He appreciates the kindness of the contributors, and the four young women who attended the summer school will participate in the courses of instruction to the boys and girls at the joint picnic at Pocalla springs next Saturday.

FIRST OF NEW COTTON.

Full Sized Bale Ginned at Lyford, Tex.

Brownsville, Texas, July 8.—The first bale of cotton of the 1915 season was ginned today at Lyford, Texas, near here and shipped to the Houston cotton exchange late today. It came from several farms and weighs about 500 pounds. This is said to be the third successive year that Lyford has shipped the first bale of the cotton season in the United States.

ADVISES TWO BALLOTS FORMS

For Prohibition Referendum on September 4.

Columbia, July 7.—Assistant Attorney General Dominick in a letter to Secretary of State R. M. McCown, chairman of the State board of election canvassers, advises him to have two separate ballots printed for the prohibition referendum on September 14, one in favor and one opposed. He thinks this better than having both questions on the same ballot, although pointing out that there is some conflict in the statutes on the matter.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Gaines Cato and Isabella James, Mayesville; Moses GeLay and Martha J. Jenkins, Oswego.

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